

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)
Jesus and the Widow's Offering

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⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Message:

“The widow gave the last of what little money she had as a gesture of her sincere devotion to God. Her commitment to her faith is greater than those who live wealthy and comfortably, and who give a small portion of what they could potentially give. The lesson to be learned is not just of tithes to the church or contributions to charity, but also a lesson of personal sacrifice to God in the form of how we give of ourselves to those who have less or those who are in need. What personal sacrifice do we make for God? We Glorify God in our thoughts, our words, our actions, and in situations involving self restraint, and self discipline, our in-actions. Right now, we can offer God obedience, evangelism, time spent in his word, and love. By living in accordance with his Word and Christ's example and teachings, we Glorify God. Let us remember Matthew 25:40 which reads “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

“The more you give, the more comes back to you, because God is the greatest giver in the universe, and He won't let you outgive Him. Go ahead and try. See what happens.”

- Randy Alcorn

” In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.”

-Charles Spurgeon

“God gives us things to share; God doesn’t give us things to hold”

- Mother Teresa

“The only things we can keep are the things we freely give to God.”

- C.S. Lewis

“Downsizing so that others might upgrade is Biblical, Beautiful, and nearly unheard of.”

-Francis Chan

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